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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF:

**Leah E. Appel, et al.**

SERIAL NO.: **09/745,095**

: EXAMINER: S. Gollamudi

FILED: **December 20, 2000**

: ART UNIT: 1616

FOR: **Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form**

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Final Action in this application, mailed on July 26, 2004, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which was set to expire on October 26, 2004, be extended by 1 month, such that it expires on November 26, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$110.00 as provided for under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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